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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
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PROJECT TITLE
SANTA MARGARITA FIRE DEPARTMENT N-DRC2025-00044

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SANTA MARGARITA FIRE DEPARTMENT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL smv7800@gmail.com	PHONE NUMBER (805) 438-3701
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 67	CITY SANTA MARGARITA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93453

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$81.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 81.00

SIGNATURE <i>X Michelle Maltby</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Michelle Maltby, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: Santa Margarita Fire Department N-DRC2025-00044

Project Location and APN:

22424 El Camino Real, Santa Margarita, CA 93453;
APN: 069-032-015, 069-032-016

Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:

Robert Murach Santa Margarita Fire District (805) 438-
3701/ smv7800@gmail.com

Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

PO Box 67 Santa Margarita, CA 93453-0067

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A request by the Santa Margarita Fire District for a Minor Use Permit (N-DRC2024-00044) to allow for the construction of a 5,890 square foot (sf) Pre-engineered steel building to serve as a fire station, apparatus bay, and administrative facility, a 3,401 square foot driveway and parking area, 3,029 square foot leach field, and other site improvements within the public right of way. This project would result in the disturbance of 21,735 square feet on a parcel totaling 14,250 square feet including offsite improvements. The proposed project is within the Commercial Retail land use category and is located in the community of Santa Margarita, on the northwest corner of Margarita Avenue and El Camino Real. The site is in the Salinas River Sub-area of the North County Planning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Exempt Status/Findings: This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption].

Reasons why project is exempt: The project includes the construction the construction of a 5,890 square foot (sf) Pre-engineered steel building to serve as a fire station, apparatus bay, and administrative facility, a 3,401 square foot driveway and parking area, 3,029 square foot leach field within the Commercial retail land use category with access to an existing roadway network that is adequate to serve the project. The applicant has designed the project, grading, and site improvements to minimize site disturbance, and the project has a relatively small area of disturbance of approximately. The project area is located within the Community of Santa Margarita in the Salinas River Sub-area of the North County Planning area and is subject to the applicable sub-area standards outlined in County Code Section 22.94.030. This project, as proposed, meets all applicable community standards for development. The proposed fire station is not considered an commercial use; however, the proposed station is an allowed use with in the Commercial Retail Land Use Category. Additionally, there is no existing agricultural use on the property, and the 0.33 parcel is too small to accommodate large-scale crop production.

The project area does not fall within San Joaquin Kit Fox habitat and, therefore, does not require related mitigation measures. The project will not result in the removal of any heritage oak trees or other native tree species, and there are no special status plant species known to exist within the project area. Therefore, the project will maintain compliance with local policies and ordinances protecting biological resources.

The project is located within 300-foot buffer of a NHD stream. A phase one archeology report was prepared and found no evidence of archeological resources being located within the project area. In the unlikely event resources are

uncovered during construction or grading activities, implementation of County Code Section 22.10.040 (Archaeological Resources) would be required, which states:

A. Construction activities shall cease, and the Department shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be recorded by a qualified archaeologist, and disposition of artifacts may be accomplished in accordance with state and federal law.

B. In the event archeological resources are found to include human remains, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner shall be notified in addition to the Department so proper disposition may be accomplished.

The project area has moderate potential for liquefaction, inactive fault line, and low potential for landslide risk. The project includes a small amount of grading which is unlikely to trigger any geologic hazard. The project area is known to have high ground water and San Luis Obispo local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) identifies the area as Severe Nitrogen Impact Zone. As such, a supplemental treatment system is required to avoid impacts to the ground water.

Existing grading and drainage regulations will adequately address surface water quality impacts during construction and permanent use of the fire station. The project will conform to the applicable General Plan and Area Plan standards, and no measures beyond those required by County Code are necessary to address the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

Additional Information: Additional information pertaining to this notice of general rule exemption may be found on the next page of this document and by contacting the Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

Sam Kinney skinney@co.slo.ca.us

(805) 781-1417

Lead Agency Contact Person

Telephone

Signature: 

Date: 2/2/26

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
- 2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

On March 6, 2026 the project was approved by:

- Board of Supervisors
- Subdivision Review Board
- Chief Building Official
- Planning Commission
- Planning Dept Hearing Officer
- Other _____

Notice of General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: Santa Margarita Fire Department N-DRC2025-00044

Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from CEQA.